



**BRAINSTORMS**

With Ferrin Cox

**Letters To The Editor**

Dear Editor:

I would like to pay tribute to some fellow educators, most of whom I do not even know. They are the teachers at Zion Chapel High School in Coffee County.

My nephew, Justin Lowry, is enrolled in kindergarten there. In November, it was discovered that he has a malignant brain tumor that has impaired the vision in his left eye and caused him to have a limp. After six weeks of radiation treatments, he was unable to participate in a regular school day, so he returned to the day care facility where he had stayed before he started school and where he now receives special education from the County's Homebound Program.

In addition to these services, Zion Chapel's head basketball coach, Tom Walker, volunteers his preparation time every day to help with Justin's physical therapy. He is pleased to have his own coach and I am encouraged to know that such personal dedication still exists within our ranks. (Justin is not even on the team).

The entire faculty and student body of Zion Chapel School have been instrumental in the club in the school has participated in at least one project for Justin. The seniors prepared an extra special Easter basket which he enjoyed very much. His class gave him a birthday party, along with a nice gift, two days before his birthday on April 17. There were only two examples of the thoughtfulness the school has shown. I have been teaching long enough to know who is behind such ingenuities!

I know how hard it is to fit any work into a busy schedule. I know how hard it is to give financial support to the special causes, regardless of the need. I know how hard it is to get a preparation period. I know how hard it is to cook supper every night for my own family. I know how hard it is to take a special dish to someone else's house! Yet you have done all of these more than once. I am reminded that love is not just something you feel—it is something you do.

The City of Elba has a good group of employees and I am proud to be one of them.

Sincerely,  
Fred W. Moore  
Mayor

Dear Editor:  
I hope and I would like to publicly express our gratitude to the emergency staff of Elba General Hospital. We thank each of you for your knowledge and the service you do in our community.

We want to say a very special thank you to Dr. Benevedous, Mrs. Henderson, Bill Brueckner, Mark Davis, and the couple in the waiting room.

My personal thanks to Tina Jennings, Justin's kindergarten teacher, who noticed that he was having trouble and who has done so much to help; to Ellen Pearson, the Homebound teacher, who is making him do "lots of hard stuff"; to June Brown, my childhood friend who is the coordinator of the program; to Shirley Goodson, who takes Mr. McGriff to visit Justin; to Coach Walker for his excellent example.

We are getting some good rains this spring. There has been plenty of water in our area all spring and it has mostly been those slow soaking rains that do great for the earth. We need to remember the times when we really need rain and it wasn't forthcoming. We should take a few minutes to say a prayer of thanks to The One responsible for sending the water down.

**News From ....  
Our Early Files**

TEN YEARS AGO

**MAY 4, 1979**  
\*\*\*Rachel Hoffman was crowned Miss Elba in activities last Thursday night. First runner-up was Debbie Waldon, and second runner-up was Brenda Lee.

\*\*\*Black & Gold Review: The Elba High School French Club attended the annual competition of the University of Alabama and taking part in group competition were Tommy Tatton, Scott English, Steve Cowart; the Exhibit group included Scott English, Ken Knight, Paul Cox, Mark Bowers, Phillip Brown.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

**APRIL 30, 1959**  
\*\*\*Four 12-year-old boys from Elba demonstrate at the Dorsey Trailers convention in Pensacola how to assemble a Dorsey "Champion" truck body in six-and-a-half minutes. The boys are Eddie, Terry Fick, Mark Meredith, and Mike.

\*\*\*Opp announce the engagement of their daughter Lyndell Patricia to Dan Jasper Presley, son of Mrs. Clive V. Presley Sr. and the late Mr. Presley. The wedding will take place June 2 at Opp Church of Christ.

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BESSIE POUNCEY

**MAY 5, 1949**  
\*\*\*Bessie Pouncey, for the girls dormitories at Troy State Teachers College include Helen Alday, Elba, who is president.

\*\*\*New Brockton News: Mrs. Bill Sawyer and daughter Suzanne of Miami are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth and other relatives.

\*\*\*Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilks Tuesday.

\*\*\*Cpl. T.W. Britt of Elba, Rt. 4, is among the students now attending a Master Gunners course now underway at Ft. Bliss.

Survivors include one daughter.

Ms. Wilma Doris Pouncey Reynolds, Samson, one son-in-law, James Reynolds, Samson; four grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren.

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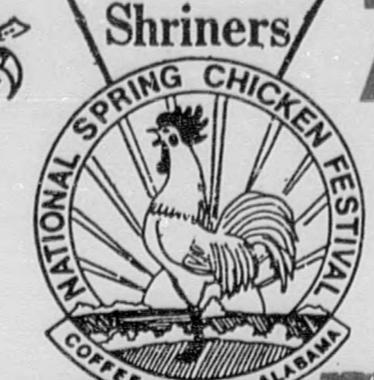
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MONDAY, MAY 1

Activity included a fire on County Rd. 25 (8:39 p.m.), a fire at Smith Ave. (6:01 p.m.), a fire at Stoumire St. (8:58 a.m.), a wreck involving a car and a bike on Claxton (3:56 p.m.) and a complaint of a suspicious rabbit in Kennedy Estates (8:39 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Activity included a possible theft from the County Jail (6:21 a.m.), a possible theft at the residence on 189S (1:48 p.m.), a wreck at Daingerfield Rd. (3:41 p.m.), a complaint of persons harassing subjects speeding, running red light, driving on wrong side of road, no drivers license-2 and improper lights).

Following are daily activity reports:

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THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Activity included a possible fire behind the high school (9:01 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

Activity included a possible fire at the high school (9:01 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

Activity included the capture of an escapee from the County Jail (6:21 a.m.), a disappearance from Millines Apt.s (10:27 a.m.) and a vehicle on fire on the Troy Hwy. (2:02 p.m.).

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